

News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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Open: Monday-Friday, 8 AM to 4:30 PM

Town Election

Second Tuesday in May

The citizens of Boonsboro will be voting to fill the Mayor and two (2) Council seats in the Town election set for

Tuesday, May 10, 2016.

Residents living within the corporate limits of Boonsboro who are registered to vote in Washington County are qualified to vote in Town elections.

****If you have not yet registered to vote in Washington County and would like to vote in the Town election, voter registration forms are available at Town Hall and can be mailed to the local board, or you can register directly at the Washington County Election Board located at 35 W. Washington Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740. The deadline to register to vote for the Town election is **Monday, April 18, 2016******

Please note: There is a Town election each *even* year. The Assistant Mayor and three (3) Council seats will be voted for in 2018.

Interested in running for Office?

Candidates must be citizens of the United States, a registered voter and a resident of the Town for at least three (3) years immediately preceding the election. Candidates for Mayor must be at least 25 years old and candidates for Council must be at least 21.

****Certificates of Nomination may be obtained at Town Hall and must be returned by 4:30 PM on Monday, April 11, 2016****

Leashed dogs are allowed in Shafer Park and pet waste stations have been installed for your convenience.

Please pick up after your pet!

When it snows...

Residents must clear away a 3-foot wide walk-way of snow and ice from their sidewalks within the first 10 hours of daylight on the day the snow, sleet or freezing rain ceases.

Town businesses must clear sidewalks within 4 business hours after a snow/ice event ends or by the beginning of business hours of the next business day.

****Please DO NOT shovel or blow snow onto roadways. This is a violation of the Town Ordinance and could result in a \$50 fine****

Please help Town employees by keeping your water meter covers cleaned off and the area around fire hydrants clear of snow and ice.

Reminder...Do not park on Main Street during a Snow Emergency Plan event; your vehicle could be towed.

Monday Curbside Yard Debris pick-up has stopped for the season and will resume, weather permitting, at the end of March. During the winter months, yard debris and used vehicle oil may be taken to the **Yard Debris Site at 6927 Monroe Road** on the 3rd Saturday of each month from **7AM until Noon**.

Open dates are: January 16, February 20 and March 19. To access the site, residents must obtain a 2016 permit at Town Hall. The Site will open for the 2016 Season on Saturday, April 2.

NEW FACES AT TOWN HALL

Town Staff has been busy updating and cross-training to better serve you!! We are pleased to welcome **Cindy Harris** as the new **Water-Sewer Clerk**. Cindy started work on December 1st. She joins Town Clerk Sarah Murto Campbell in the front office. We wish her the best of luck as she takes on her new position in the Town. Stop by and say hello!!

Boonsboro Town Hall will be closed on

Monday, January 18, 2016
for Martin Luther King Day

Friday, March 25, 2016
for the Easter Holiday

Yard Debris Site on Monroe Road Open 3rd Saturdays

during the winter months:
January 16 - February 20 - March 19
7 AM until 12 noon
Free 2016 permits available at Town Hall

Christmas Tree Collection

Trees will be picked up at curbside **Each Monday during January** (With the exception of January 18 when pick-up will be on **Tuesday, January 19** because of the Martin Luther King Holiday)

Bi-Monthly Street Sweeper 3rd Mondays in 2016

January 18 - March 21 - May 16 - July 18
September 19 - November 21

2016 Shafer Park Reservations

The Town staff will start booking Shafer Park pavilions and the Community Center on January 4, 2016. To make reservations call Kim at 301-432-5141 (press 4) or visit Town Hall. For Town residents, fees are \$35 for small pavilions and \$40 for large ones. Non-residents pay \$10 more for each. The Community Center rental fee is \$60, plus a key/cleaning deposit of \$50.

Shafer Park officially opens for the season on April 4, 2016.

Reminder!! Pedestrians have the right-of-way in all cross walks. Please stop to allow pedestrians to safely cross the street...it is a

Maryland State Law

Utility Payment Policy

Water, Sewer and Trash services are billed quarterly in January, April, July and October. Payments are due within 30 days from the date of the bill. After 30 days a 5% interest is charged on the balance and services will be terminated if payment is not received within 60 days. If you are experiencing difficulty paying your bill please call Cindy, the Water-Sewer Clerk, at 301-432-5141 (**press 3**) to discuss payment options. Please note, the full balance must be paid prior to the issuance of the next quarterly bill.

****The full BMUC billing policy is available on the Town's webpage and also posted at Town Hall****

BEC and Park Board Vacancies

There will soon be vacancies on the Boonsboro Environmental Commission (BEC) and the Park Board. If you are interested in becoming a member, please visit the Town website and fill out the 'Community Volunteer Interest Form' located under the 'Residents' section or stop by Town Hall.

The Boonsboro Economic Development Commission (EDC)

will hold its upcoming **Networking Breakfasts** at 7:30AM on Friday, January 15 and Friday, March 18 at Vesta in Boonsboro. For information email boonsboroadc@myactv.net

The cost is \$7 per person.

Attention: Green Fest Vendors

Prospective vendors for the 8th Annual Boonsboro Green Fest on Saturday, May 7, 2016, may submit applications by filling out a vendor form at www.boonsborogreenfest.com beginning January 1, 2016. Vendors registering by the March 1, the Early Bird deadline, will pay \$20 a space; those signing up from March 2-15 will pay \$40 a space. Deadline for applications is March 15, 2016.

Spring Curbside Bulk Clean-Up

The Spring Clean-Up day is Saturday, May 21st. **Please Note:** You may want to consider dropping off your recyclable/reusable items at Shafer Park for Green Fest on Saturday, May 7th.

Welcome NEW Businesses

Open now - Talon Studios, owned by Raya Yeary, at 14 South Main
Milex Complete Auto Care, at 801 North Main Street

Opening soon – Stop by in early 2016 to the new locations of **Antietam Spirits** and **BodySense PT** at 2 – 6 Tiger Way

Also look for - **G. Boones Restaurant**, a full service restaurant, opening at 7700 Old National Pike in early 2016

Sanitation Reminders...

-All trash and recycling must be set out **after 4 PM on Monday night** for collection day.

-All clean corrugated cardboard can be recycled, as well as the boxboard used for cereal and tissue boxes. Please break down all boxes.

-Recyclable plastic bags, such as grocery bags, should be bundled up in a plastic bag.

-New Town residents, who would like a free recycling container, please contact Kim at Town Hall at 301-432-5141.

Please consider using the Town's website

to find information about what's going on in the Town. The website features information on activities of the Mayor and Council, the various Boards & Commissions, trash pick-up and event reminders, as well as links to other resources. Town staff updates the website daily to provide up-to-date information. The site is accessible with all electronic devices www.town.boonsboro.md.us

Like us on Facebook & Twitter!!

Town events, updates and changes are also posted on the Town's Facebook and Twitter pages. A link is provided on the Town website or search "[Town of Boonsboro, Maryland](http://www.town.boonsboro.md.us)" on either site.

Safety Tips for Winter from the Public Safety Commission...

Keep fire safety in mind when heating your home in the winter months ahead. December, January and February are the leading months for home heating fires. Overall, heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires and home fire deaths.

**Working smoke detectors & carbon monoxide detectors SAVE LIVES!!
Change your batteries regularly!!**

Winter Heating Facts & Figures

- Space heaters, whether portable or stationary, account for one-third of home heating fires and four out of five of home heating fire deaths.
- The leading factor contributing to home heating fires is the failure to clean creosote from solid-fueled heating equipment, primarily chimneys.
- Placing things that can burn too close to heating equipment, or placing heating equipment too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattress or bedding, is the leading factor contributing to ignition in fatal home heating fires and accounted for more than half of all home heating fire deaths.
- Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.
- Be sure to turn off portable heaters when leaving a room, and especially when leaving home!!

****Please remember to have your chimney cleaned annually.**

****Remember space heaters need at least 3 feet of space around them.**

- Keep combustible and flammable materials **at least 3 feet** away from any heat source, portable heaters, wood and pellet stoves or fireplaces.

- **DO NOT** use your oven or stove top burners to heat your home.

- **NEVER** leave burning candles unattended.

- **Carbon Monoxide**, or CO, is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.

Visit www.usfa.fema.gov to learn more about winter safety tips or contact the First Hose Company of Boonsboro on their non-emergency number at 301-432-2348

Mayor: Charles 'Skip' Kauffman, Jr.

Assistant Mayor: Howard Long

Council Members: Sean Haardt, Cynthia Kauffman, Brigitte Schmidt, Janeen Solberg, Barbara Wetzel

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240-313-2910 or 911